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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, November 2, 2023

5:00 PM

Hawthorne Library, 2707 E. Washington Ave.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Alyssa Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Jolynne Roorda and Mathias Lemos Castillo attended via telephone.

MPL staff present: Greg Mickells, Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Marc Gartler, Jane Jorgenson, Molly Warren, Lori Suiter, Tina Marie Maes, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Brent Pauba, Erin Hillson, Amber McReynolds, Conor Moran

Present: 6 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Excused: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by DeChant, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Cindy Fesemyer will refrain from voting on matters related to the Library Director recruitment process as she may be applying for the position.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Alyssa Kenney thanked the Foundation for putting on 2023 Wisconsin Book Fest. The Board was introduced to Amber McReynolds from the City Attorney's office, who is assigned to the Library.

Imagination Center at Reindahl Park Report

Brent Pauba from City Engineering presented on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [80584](#) Director's Report - October 2023

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Fesemyer, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [79683](#) Approval of the next steps in the hiring process of the Library Director

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Madison, to Discuss and continue. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ayes: 5 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Abstentions: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

Excused: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

3. [80559](#) Approval of the September 2023 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Abstentions: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

Excused: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

4. [80561](#) Approval of the October 2023 Capital Budget Report.

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by DeChant, to Table. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [80563](#) Approval of the 2023 3rd Quarter Budget Projection and Year-End appropriation.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Madison, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [80586](#) Approval to move the Election of Officers to the December 7, 2023 meeting of the Madison Public Library Board

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR SEARCH AND RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Alyssa Kenney reported that the job posting for the Library Director will go live tomorrow.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno spoke about the renovations at Hawthorne that took place during COVID shutdowns, which included the carpet, painting, furniture, and lighting. The lease at Hawthorne goes until 2030, locking it in that long meant the

landlord was willing to cooperate with renovations and keeps a good rental rate.

FRIENDS REPORT

No report

FOUNDATION REPORT

Conor Moran provided the board with a draft of the named gift opportunities for the ICRP, asking the board to reach out to him with questions or concerns prior to the December meeting when the Foundation will ask the Board to approve the document. Wisconsin Book Fest was a great success with a 25% increase over 2022.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that Martha Van Pelt is retiring, the all-director's meeting on December 16 will be her last one.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that the tax resolution was approved,. Greg highlighted the work of the Dream Bus which has continued service to Harmony Apartments in the wake of a recent shooting. The Dream Bus has received \$5,500 total in grants in the last few months.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant to go into closed session. The motion passed by the following vote.

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant to reconvene. The motion passed by the following vote.

Present: 5 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

Excused: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.